

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed Amendments to the Basic Documents of the American Osteopathic Association

(Old material crossed out; new material in CAPITALS)

CODE OF ETHICS

Section 17

FROM TIME TO TIME, INDUSTRY MAY PROVIDE SOME AOA MEMBERS WITH GIFTS AS AN INDUCEMENT TO USE THEIR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES. MEMBERS WHO USE THESE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AS A RESULT OF THESE GIFTS, RATHER THAN SIMPLY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR PATIENTS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CARE RENDERED IN THEIR PRACTICES, SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ACTED IN AN UNETHICAL MANNER.

CONSTITUTION

Article VIII—Board of Trustees and Executive Committee

Section I—Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the President, President-elect, the Past Presidents for the preceding two years, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, nineteen AND TWENTY other members, six of whom shall be elected annually by the House of Delegates to serve for three years, AN INTERN/RESIDENT MEMBER ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR, and a student member elected by the House of Delegates to serve for one year. CANDIDATES FOR THE INTERN/RESIDENT POSITION SHALL BE ENROLLED IN AN AOA-APPROVED INTERNSHIP OR RESIDENCY OR, IF ENROLLED IN AN ACGME-APPROVED RESIDENCY SHALL HAVE APPLIED FOR AOA APPROVAL OF THEIR ACGME-APPROVED RESIDENCY. CANDIDATES FOR THE INTERN/RESIDENT POSITION SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THE CONGRESS OF INTERNS/RESIDENTS. Candidates for the student position shall be nominated, in alternating years, by the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) and the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA).

The Board of Trustees shall be the administrative and executive body of the Association and perform such other duties as are provided by the Bylaws. The aggregate terms of office of all trustees, with the exception of the President, President-elect, and the Past Presidents for the preceding two years, shall be limited to twelve (12) years, with the exception that a trustee may complete the term in which twelve (12) years or more of service is completed. THE INTERN/RESIDENT MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM, BUT MAY BE ELECTED TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM AS THE INTERN/RESIDENT MEMBER.

BYLAWS

Article V

SECTION 12—REPRESENTATION OF STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

THE STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SOMA) MAY BE REPRESENTED IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES BY ONE MEMBER OF THE SOMA BOARD SELECTED BY VOTE OF THE SOMA BOARD (OR SUCH SOMA MEMBER'S ALTERNATE, WHO SHALL ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOMA BOARD SELECTED BY THE SOMA BOARD). NO SOMA DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE SHALL ALSO BE A MEMBER OF A DIVISIONAL SOCIETY'S DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE IN WHICH SUCH SOMA BOARD MEMBER'S OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE IS LOCATED. THE SOMA DELEGATE SHALL BE ACCREDITED IN THE SAME MANNER AND HAVE THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIVISIONAL SOCIETY DELEGATION; HOWEVER, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF SOMA SHALL CERTIFY THE SOMA DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THIS ASSOCIATION IN WRITING OR BY WIRE AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.